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SUBJECT: POSITION FOR AGRICULTURE GROUP MEETING, JULY 14

REF: (A) STATE 158018 (B) GENEVA 5447

1. SUMMARY: APPRECIATE FULL REPORT AND DRAFT SUMMING-UP OF AGRICULTURE GROUP MEETING. DEL AUTHORIZED TO AGREE TO DRAFT TEXT (PER PARA 13 (A) OF REFTEL B) PROVIDING (1) FULL UNDERSTANDING CAN BE REACHED IN ADVANCE WITH EC THAT ACCEPTANCE OF TEXT NOT PREJUDICIAL AND DOES NOT ALTER IN ANY WAY MAY 8 AGREEMENT, AND (2) TEXT OF PARA 1(C) OR QR'S FULLY REFLECTS US PROPOSAL (PARA 11, REFTEL B). IF FULL UNDERSTANDING WITH EC NOT OBTAINABLE, DEL INSTRUCTED TO GIVE US VIEWS FULL AIRING IN PLENARY BEFORE AGREEING TO TEXT. END SUMMARY

2. FULL REPORT ON MTN AGRICULTURE GROUP MEETING AND TRANSMISSION OF DRAFT SUMMING-UP APPRECIATED. WE CONCUR WITH DEL ASSESSMENT THAT COMBINATION OF EC AND ARGENTINE PROPOSALS WOULD RESULT IN OPENING UP FULL SCALE TARIFF AND NONTARIFF NEGOTIATIONS IN AGRICULTURE GROUP. MOREOVER IT EVIDENT THAT EC PROBING CONTINUED US FIRMNESS RE MAY 8 AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, ON BASIS OF PATTERSON'S TEXT, BELIEVE YOUR PARA 13(A) OF REFTEL B IS WORKABLE, PROVIDING OUR AGREEMENT TO TEXT DOES NOT PREJUDICE FUTURE POSITIONS IN AGRICULTURE GROUP OR IN OTHER MTN GROUPS. US DEL SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO REACH UNDERSTANDING IN ADVANCE OF JULY 14 MEETING THAT ACCEPTANCE OF TEXTON- PREJUDICIAL AND DOES NOT ALTER IN ANY WAY MAY 8 AGREEMENT. OUR WILLINGNESS TO RSSESS POSITION PER PARA 1(C) OF REFTEL A DOES NOT SIGNIFY WE PREPARED TO CHANGE POSITION. THE ISSUES INVOLVED ARE COMPLEX AND FAR REACHING, REQUIRING CAREFUL REFLECTIONA DN IN FACT REASSESSMENT OF ENTIRE US APPROACH TO MTN. ANY SUCH REASSESSMENT WOULD OBVIOUSLY NECESSITATE CLOSE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH EC AND OTHER MAJOR TRADE PARTNERS. IT IS STILL STRONG US VIEW THAT TRADE MEASURES INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS CAN BE DEALT WITH MORE EFFECTIVELY IN THE TARIFFS AND NON-TARIFFS MEASURES GROUPS AND WHEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPROPRIATE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AGRICULTURE GROUP TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF WORK IN MTN AND TO FACILITATE THE ARRIVAL AT "A HARMONIOUS AND BALANCED DEVELOPMENT OF ALL THE ELEMENTS SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS."

3. IN EVENT COMPLETE AND ACCEPTABLE UNDERSTANDING CANNOT BE REACHED WITH EC IN ADVANCE OF AGRICULTURE GROUP, US DEL MAY AS APPROPRIATE DRAW ON FOLLOWING IN PLENARY STATEMENTS. IT IS

EVIDENT THAT THE EC PROPOSAL AND ITS SUPPORT OF THE ARGENTINE PROPOSAL CLEARLY INVOLVES THE VERY ISSUES OF PRINCIPLE WHICH LED TO THE DEADLOCK IN THE AGRICULTURE GROUP FROM MARCH 24 TO MAY 8. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT EC DEL IS REOPENING ISSUES OF AUTONOMY AND COMPETENCE OF AGRICULTURE GROUP WHICH WE CONSIDER BREAKS FAITH WITH MAY 8 AGREEMENT. OBVIOUSLY, EC USING THIS PLOY AS MEANS OF FURTHERING ITS KNOWN DESIRE FOR CREATION OF TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF SUBGROUPS IN AGRICULTURE GROUP AND BLOCKING ANY CONSIDERATION OF AGRICULTURAL ISSUES IN OTHER MTN GROUPS.

4. RE OR'S WE CONCUR WITH US STATEMENT THAT "THERE BE ONLY ONE NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR ALL PRODUCTS, NAMELY THAT ESTABLISHED BY THE MTN SUBGROUP ON QR'S, "(PARA 11, REFTEL B) AND BELIEVE IT BEARS REPEATING, INDICATING FURTHER THAT QR SUBGROUP ONLY FORUM IN WHICH US WILL CONSIDER NOTIFICATIONS AGAINST IT. US DEL SHOULD HAVE FULL TEXT OF HIS PROPOSAL AS QUOTED ABOVE INCORPORATED IN PARA 13 (C) OF CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSED SUMMING-UP.

5. REGARDING THE ARGENTINE PROPOSAL WE AGREE THIS APPEARS TO HAVE MOTIVATION TRANSCENDING MTN, MAKING IT ALL THE MORE NECESSARY THE ISSUE INVOLVED BE CAREFULLY HANDLED. US DEL SHOULD ARGUE THAT PRINCIPLES FOR "SECURING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" AND PRIORITY TREATMENT OF LDC'S IN THE MTN AS PROVIDED IN THE TOKYO DECLARATION HAVE NOT YET BEEN LAID DOWN BY THE TNC AND INDICATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE AT TNC NEXT WEEK. HE SHOULD STATE FURTHER THAT IN US VIEW IT PREMATURE FOR AGRICULTURE GROUP TO ADDRESS THE TRADE PROBLEMS OF THE LDC'S UNTIL PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED ON TARIFFS AND NON-TARIFF MEASURES IN THE TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF MEASURES GROUPS, ALTHOUGH RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF DOING SO AT SOME STAGE SO THAT THE AGRICULTURAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASPECTS OF THE WORK CAN PROCEED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WORK OF OTHER GROUPS.

6. GEORGE WHITE ARRIVING SUNDAY JULY 13 AT 1030 VIA LUFTHANSA-240. ROBINSON

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